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GREEK FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT ON TURKISH AIR TRAFFIC DEMAND

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(TEXT) THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ANNOUNCED THAT TURKEY HAS DEMANDED THAT ALL AIRCRAFT ENTERING THE EASTERN AEGEAN AREA MAKE THEIR PRESENCE KNOWN TO THE TURKISH AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTERS.

THE MINISTRY'S ANNOUNCEMENT STRESSES THAT THIS ACTION IS ARBITRARY AND CONTRARY TO THE CURRENT AIR TRAFFIC AGREEMENTS. THE ANNOUNCEMENT ADDS THAT THIS "ACTION" VIOLATES THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS SET BY THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION.

SINCE THE AFOREMENTIONED AREA FALLS UNDER THE ATHENS AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, THE COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE VARIOUS AIRLINES CONCERNED HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE ABOVE ACTION.

IN ITS ANNOUNCEMENT, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY EMPHASIZES THAT IN THE EVENT THAT FURTHER ACTION WILL BE NEEDED TO PRESERVE THE SAFETY OF AIR TRAFFIC, GREECE WILL ADOPT THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO INSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION, WITHIN ITS AIR SPACE, OF THE INTERNATIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

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